Public Works Committee Minutes of Meeting 3/7/2006

Present: Rob Crowner, Michael Cann, Vince O'Connor, Robert Pariseau, Walter Wolnik

I. Old Business

Minutes of 2/07/06 - on web, approve at next meeting

Updates:

Henry St. - Survey 100%, working on design, no widening, Vince said pavement is bad

Pelham Rd. Bridge - No progress

South Amherst Common – Rob attended Historical Com. Meeting and they hope to meet with Public Works Committee to discuss scope of study

Right on Red - Rob requested to put on Selectboard agenda, after budgets in May or June

II. New Business

Tour of Streets on 5 year plan:

Vince likes Monday 3/20/06 in the morning to do street tour. Vince wants to re-look at Farmington Rd., saying it is not as bad as the other town streets

DPW has amended plan to look at projects that have sewer and water or drainage work involved subsequent to paving

Finalize plan next month from what PWC found on tour of 5 year plan

III. Sidewalks - This year is committed to the projects listed below and will go into next year

College St. west to end of project Phase II – Zanna to Starbucks

Phase III - Zanna north to Triangle St.

Amity Street

Bob Pariseau

Finish downtown sidewalks first, then prioritize other projects

Walter – JCPC will be reducing levy to less than 8.5%, \$30k/yr is allocated - might lose it this year because of budget cuts

Vince wants to re-look at sidewalk list

Walter suggested Old Farms Rd & Hop Brook Rd.

FY07 Budget, get money for priority sidewalks

Design list to be generated by priority for future projects

Bob Pariseau said this year Public Works has no time for extra projects – College St., Downtown and Henry St. are more than too much for us – and 07 we still have to do Amity St. streetscape

Rob states that we have to set goals for future sidewalk projects

Vince - Southeast St. and College St. will be done on CDBG

Rob states that main charge of committee is street and sidewalk repair

Rob to do draft of report to submit to Town Meeting

- 1. Recommend streets and sidewalks to do in future
- 2. What we hope to do this year and next
- 3. Other DPW projects happening around town

IV. New Business

Rob - traffic calming - Amity St. area to be priority in future

Bob Pariseau - This will need traffic study

Vince – Public transportation is best solution to traffic problem. UMASS does not have a plan to control traffic. Town needs a plan for Town employees

Rob – Will put items we did not discuss on next agenda